GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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MOST BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to identify the term `Most Backward Classes` based on the Census 2001 data;

(b) if so, the details and criteria adopted thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in this direction and the result achieved thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) No, Sir. Caste-based enumeration has not been undertaken at the Census 2001.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.